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SUMMARY: AFTER THE MORNING SESSION, APRIL 9, THE PLENARY OF
THE NACC TOOK THE WEEKEND OFF SO THAT HEADS OF DELEGATION COULD
VISIT KASHMIR AND WILL RESUME WITH MORE SPEECHES THE MORNING
OF APRIL 11. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE FINISHED ITS WORK THE MORNING
OF APRIL 9, WITH DISCUSSION DEVOTED MOSTLY TO THE IRAQI PROPOSAL
ON A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT, EAST TIMOR, AND WEST SAHARA. THE
LATIN AMERICAN GROUP SUBMITTED A REVISED REGIONAL TEXT WHICH
INCLUDES SECTIONS ON CUBA AND GUANTANAMO, PANAMA AND PUERTO
RICO. THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REVISED TEXT OMITTS ANY REFERENCE
TO WESTERN NATIONS BY NAME. THE LAOTIAN TEXT ON THAI INCURSIONS
INTO CAMBODIA WAS TONED DOWN, BUT THE EAST TIMOR TEXT REMAINED
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AND RESULTED IN INDONESIA AND OTHER DELEGATIONS STATING THAT
THEY WILL MAKE RESERVATIONS ON APRIL 11. THE INITIATIVE OF RE-
SERVATIONS ON EAST TIMOR MAY ENCOURAGE RESERVATIONS ON OTHER
SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNIQUE. THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MET LATE INTO
THE NIGHT OF APRIL 9, REVISING THE ECONOMIC TEXT TO REFLECT MORE
STRONGLY THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN
NEGOTIATIONS WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE PLENARY AND THE
COMMITTEES ARE NOT MEETING APRIL 10. A CEREMONIAL CLOSING OF
THE NACC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE EVENING OF APRIL 11.
END SUMMARY.

1. ON APRIL 9, THE PLENARY SESSION CONTINUED IN THE MORNING WITH SPEECHES BY DELEGATION CHIEFS. IT THEN BROKE FOR THE WEEKEND SO THAT DELEGATION LEADERS COULD GO TO KASHMIR AS THE GOI'S GUESTS. SPEECHES WILL RESUME MONDAY MORNING. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE ENDED ITS WORK IN A LONG MORNING SESSION. THE THREE BIG ISSUES, WE UNDERSTAND, WERE THE IRAQI PROPOSAL FOR A PERMANENT NACC SECRETARIAT WHICH WAS DEBATED FOR TWO HOURS, AND THE AMENDMENTS ON EAST TIMOR AND WEST SAHARA WHICH CONSUMED AN HOUR EACH OF DISCUSSION. THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE UNEXPECTEDLY RAN INTO DIFFICULTIES ON THE INTRODUCTION TO THE ECONOMIC TEXT AND FINISHED ITS WORK ONLY LATE IN THE NIGHT. NEITHER THE PLENARY NOR THE COMMITTEES WILL BE IN SESSION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 10. MANY OF THE REMAINING DELEGATES ARE OFF TO AGRA AND THE TAJ MAHAL FOR THE DAY. THE PLENARY SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, IS EXPECTED TO END BY LUNCHTIME, AND A CEREMONIAL CLOSING MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SIX P.M.

2. LATIN AMERICA: THE REVISED REGIONAL TEXT (SEPTTEL), DRAFTED BY CUBA AND GUYANA, IS CONSIDERABLY STRONGER THAN THE INDIAN ORIGINAL. IT EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER COLONIALISM, DEPLORES THE USE OF MERCENARIES AND TERRORISTS IN THE AREA, AND RECALLS PREVIOUS DECISIONS DEMANDING NOT ONLY THE END TO THE US "BLOCKADE" BUT SUPPORTING THE CUBAN RIGHT TO REPARATIONS AND TO THE RETURN OF GUANTANAMO. ON PUERTO RICO, THE REVISED TEXT RECALLS PREVIOUS DECISIONS AND THEN ADDS SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE AS CONFIDENTIAL

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AS WELL AS SELF-DETERMINATION. ON PANAMA, THE REVISION INCLUDES LANGUAGE THAT EMPHASIZES AN EARLY AND SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO THE CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WHEREBY THE CANAL AND ZONE WILL BE RETURNED "PROMPTLY" TO PANAMA. ACCORDING TO ONE DELEGATE, THE REVISION CONFORMS TO THE 1976 UNGA RESOLUTION ON THE AMPHITRYONIC CONGRESS. ADDED TO THE BELIZE SECTION IS A REFERENCE TO SOLIDARITY IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST EXTERNAL THREATS TO TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE COMMITTEE, FIRST INDIA, THEN ZAIRE AND OTHERS, OBJECTED TO THE WORD "PROMPTLY" IN REFERENCE TO THE RETURN OF THE ZONE AND CANAL TO PANAMANIAN SOVEREIGNTY, WHEREAS THE TANZANIANS WANTED IT CHANGED TO "IMMEDIATELY". THE WORD "PROMPTLY" REMAINED IN THE TEXT. (THERE IS NO PANAMANIAN DELEGATION IN TOWN.) ON THE SECTIONS ON CUBA AND PUERTO RICO, THE INDIANS SUCCEEDED IN HAVING THE PHRASE REAFFIRMING PAST DECISIONS AMENDED TO "RECALLING" PAST DECISIONS. ACCORDING TO A NEPALI OBSERVER, THE INDIANS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN DELETING THE REFERENCE TO INDEPENDENCE FROM THE PUERTO RICO SECTION. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS OBJECTED TO PARAGRAPH REITERATING SUPPORT FOR CHILEANS "IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRATIC REGIME THAT WOULD GUARANTEE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS". THE GUYANESE ALSO INTRODUCED A "DRAFT PARAGRAPH" ON "NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES" WHICH CLAIMS THAT MANY NAM COUNTRIES ARE THREATENED BY DIRECT ACTS OF SUBVERSION AND INTERFERENCE. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW THE PARAGRAPH FARED IN COMMITTEE.

3. SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE UN PERMREPS OF NCAERIA, TANZANIA, AND ZAMBIA WORKED TO COORDINATE A SOUTHERN AFRICA TEXT THAT WOULD OMIT REFERENCE TO ANY SPECIFIC WESTERN POWERS IN ORDER TO KEEP OPEN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AT THE UN. THE DISCURSIVE EIGHT-PAGE DRAFT INSTEAD "DEPLORES THE ACTIONS OF THE STATES AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS" WHOSE CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA ENCOURAGES IT TO PERSIST IN ITS "INHUMAN POLICIES". THE AFRICAN DRAFT ALSO HAS AN ADDITIONAL SECTION SUPPORTING THE SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF DJIBOUTI AND CALLS ON THE FRENCH GOVTT TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE. (CONT....)
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T4. MIDDLE EAST. SYRIA AND THE PLO RESPECTIVELY INTRODUCED REVISED TEXTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINE (SEPTELS). THE REVISED MIDDLE EAST TEXT DELETES ANY REFERENCE TO RECONVENING THE MEPC AND CALLS INSTEAD ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO BRING ABOUT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON AN "APPROPRIATE TIMETABLE". IT ALSO CALLS ON THE UNSC TO IMPLEMENT THE REPORT OF THE UN COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE DECISION OF THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF MARCH 1977, THE PALESTINIAN TEXT AFFIRMS THE PLO'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, FORUMS AND EFFORTS DEALING WITH THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. THE TEXT ALSO NOTES ISRAELI RELIANCE ON THE US POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY SUPPORT IN PERPETUATING ITS OCCUPATION OF ARAB LANDS.

5. SOUTHEAST ASIA. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE DIPLOMATS, THE INDONESIANS AND MALAYSIANS, THROUGH THE MEDIATION OF SRI LANKA, MANAGED TO TONE DOWN THE LANGUAGE IN THE LAOTIAN AMENDMENT WHICH HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THAI MILITARY ACTIONS AGAINST CAMBODIA. (TEXTS SEPTEL.) THE COMPROMISE TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE LAO DELEGATION, DELETES SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, AND REAFFIRMS SUPPORT OF THE INTEGRITY OF ALL STATES IN THE REGION. REGARDING THE ANGOLAN AMENDMENT ON EAST TIMOR, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS, THE ANGOLANS WERE SUPPORTED BY VIETNAM, TANZANIA AND OTHERS AND OPPOSED BY THE INDONESIANS PRINCIPALLY AND THE SYRIANS, IRAQIS, INDIANS AND ZAIRIANS. THE CUBAN CHAIRMAN RULED IN FAVOR OF INCLUSION OF THE AMENDMENT AND THE INDONESIAN AND OTHER DELEGATIONS STATED IN COMMITTEE THAT THEY WOULD ENTER RESERVATIONS.

6. CYPRUS. THE CYPRIOT DELEGATE TOLD US THAT HE SUCCEEDED IN HAVING THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE AMENDED TO HIS LIKING. HE ADDED THAT THE TURKS HAD BEEN LOBBYING AMONG ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY IRAQ, SYRIA, AND INDONESIA. THESE DELEGATIONS,
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HE SAID, WERE MILDLY UNHAPPY WITH HIS REVISION OF THE DRAFT BUT ULTIMATELY ACQUIESCED. HE DID NOT KNOW IF RESERVATIONS WOULD BE TAKEN FINALLY.

7. KOREA. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER ACTIVITY REGARDING THE KOREAN QUESTION. THE JAPANESE HAVE TOLD US THAT THE PHRASE "ENSURING PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA" WAS ADDED BY THE BANGLADESHIS TO THE AMENDMENT REFERENCE TO "A DURABLE POSITIVE AGREEMENT".

8. DISARMAMENT AND NUCLEAR ENERGY: ACCORDING TO YUGO-SLAV DELEGATES, THE SHORT PARAGRAPH ON DISARMAMENT HAS A REFERENCE TO A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AS A POSSIBLE FOLLOW ON TO THE SSOD, A POINT NOT MENTIONED IN THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT. THE IMPETUS BEHIND THE ADDITION, HE SAID, WAS THE CUBAN DELEGATION. THE YUGOSLAV ALSO SAID THAT THE WORKING PAPER ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE NACC WHO AGREED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE DISCRIMINATORY POLICY OF THE LONDON SUPPLIERS' CLUB. NEW YUGOSLAV DRAFT PARAS ON NUCLEAR ENERGY HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE ECONOMIC SECTION OF THE DECLARATION.

9. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE RAN INTO STORMY WEATHER AT THE MORNING SESSION AND HAD TO EXTEND ITS WORK THROUGH THE DAY AND INTO LATE NIGHT SESSION. TROUBLE AROSE OVER THE OPENING PARAS OF THE DRAFT ECONOMIC COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. CUBAN, IRAQI, AND ALGERIAN DELEGATIONS LED EFFORT TO AMEND DRAFT TEXT TO EXPRESS EVEN GREATER DISSATISFACTION WITH DC UNRESPONSIVENESS AND TO THREATEN "NEW TACTICS" IF THE PARIS CONFERENCE FAILS. THE MORE MODERATE DELEGATIONS (THIS FROM AN OBVIOUSLY MODERATE SRI LANKAN REP) WERE SEEKING TO LIMIT THE REACTION TO A POSSIBLE BREAKDOWN IN PARIS TO MERELY A "REEVALUATIONZ OF STRATEGY. THE FAILURE OF THE GENEVA NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE COMMON FUND HAS ENGENDERED PARTICULARLY STRONG FEELINGS. CONFIDENTIAL

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SRI LANKA HAS SUBMITTED A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE COMMON FUND WHICH IT FEELS HAS GENERAL SUPPORT AND SHOULD BE ONLY SEPARATE RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED BY NACC. RESOLUTION (TEXT SEPTTEL) EXPRESSES "UNEQUIVOCAL AND FIRM OPPOSITION" TO ANY EFFORT TO "ALTER THE CHARACTER OF THE COMMON FUND AS THE CENTRAL SOURCE OF FINANCE... AND AS A NEW INSTITUTION". (END) SCHNEIDER

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